

mettle[metl] *n*

- характер, темперамент
to show one's mettle - проявить /показать/ (свой) характер
- 1) пыл, ретивость, горячность
a horse of mettle - горячая лошадь
2) храбрость
full of mettle - храбрый
a man of mettle - храбрый человек
◇ to be on one's mettle - стараться сделать всё возможное; проявлять пыл, рвение
to put /to set/ smb. on /upon, to/ his mettle - а) испытывать чьё-л. мужество /чью-л. выдержку/ (*мж.* to try smb.'s mettle); б) заставить кого-л. сделать всё, что в его силах; пробудить в ком-л. рвение

mettle

Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

met-tle [mettle mettles] *BrE* ['metl] ^m *NAmE* ['metl] ^m **noun uncountable**

the ability and determination to do sth successfully despite difficult conditions

- The next game will be a real test of their mettle.
- She really showed her mettle under pressure.

| idiom ↑ **on your mettle**Word Origin:mid 16th cent.: specialized spelling (used for figurative senses) of ↑ **metal**.**mettle**

Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

met-tle /'metl/ *BrE* ^m *AmE* ^m **noun [uncountable]**

[Date: 1500-1600; Origin: metal]

- courage and determination to do something even when it is very difficult

test/show/prove your mettle

" a crisis which will test the minister's mettle

- on your mettle** *British English* if you are on your mettle, you are ready to try as hard as possible because your abilities are being tested:

" We'll have to be on our mettle from the start.

keep/put somebody on their mettle

" This was just his way of keeping me on my mettle.

mettle

Freakuency Pack

12500 **11444**^{MCW}15000 **12628**^{COCA}RANGE: **9k** **METTLE** ³⁴⁵mettle ³⁴⁵mettles ⁰

COCA 500k Unlemmatized

³³⁵ **39350**³⁴⁵ **nn1**